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AGRICULTURE INFORMATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up Agriculture Information Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the network and the names of those places where such centres have been opened, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have given any assistance to the State Governments for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Government have set up Agriculture Information Centres in the country as indicated below:-

i. Twenty Eight State Agriculture Universities and 16 Indian Council of Agriculture Research(ICAR)institutions have established Agriculture Technology Information Centres (ATICS) to provide technology products, diagnostic and advisory services and information to farmers and other end users under National Agriculture Technology Project with World Bank assistance(Annexure-I)

ii. The ICAR has set up eight Agricultural Research Information Centre(ARIC) as a central source of information on all research project/schemes financed by Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). The list of centres is annexed (Annexure-II).

iii. Farm Information and Advisory Centres (FIAC`s) are in different stages of being established under each block of 28 Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)s districts in 7 States(Annexure-III) under Innovation in Technology Dissemination (ITD) component of World Bank assisted National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) .

iv. A NICNET based Agricultural Informatics and Communication Network(AGRISNET)connecting the national, state and district headquarters have been initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture.

v. A system of Computerized registration of pesticides and dissemination of related information (www.cibrc.nic.in) has been established by the Ministry of Agriculture.

vi. Agricultural marketing, information system (www.agmarknet.nic.in.) to facilitate generation and transmission of prices and arrivals information from agricultural produce markets has been created. A total number of 810 markets/institutions have been provided hardware and software support as detailed in Annexure-IV.

Annexure-I

State-wise Location of Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATICs) and Details of Budget Released up to January, 2003

State	Sl. No.	Centre	Budget Released (Rs. in lakhs) Centre-wise	State-wise
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad	42.06585	42.06585
Assam	2.	Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat	47.58	47.58
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3.	Central Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair	37.82972	37.82972
Bihar	4.	Rajendra Agricultural University, Samastipur	40.5175	40.5175

Chhatisgarh	5.Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur	35.28566	35.28566
Delhi	6.Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	36.32388	36.32388
Gujarat	7.Gujarat Agricultural University, Banaskantha	40.82812	40.82812
Haryana	8.National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal	33.95	74.48109
	9.Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar	40.53109	
Himachal Pradesh	10.Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaay, Palampur	42.59815	112.03814
	11.Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan	35.83883	
	12.Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla	33.60116	
Jammu and Kashmir	13.Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Srinagar	39.13998	39.13998
Jharkhand	14.Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi	34.68769	34.68769
Kerala	15.Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur	42.40928	190.89869
	16.Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut	39.49566	
	17.Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Ernakulam	33.62027	190.89869
	18.Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod	40.99148	
	19.Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin	34.382	
Karnataka	20.University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore	40.60849	
	21.University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad	38.35827	115.43741
	22.Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore	36.47065	
Madhya Pradesh	23.Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur	36.11925	71.44823
	24.Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal	35.32898	
Maharashtra	25.Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani	43.74642	194.07148
	26.Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Ahmednagar	39.25564	
	27.Dr.Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	34.76	
	28.Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur	34.68142	
	29.Bala Sahib Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeh, Dapoli, Ratnagiri	41.628	
Meghalaya	30.ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani	34.0644	34.0644
Orissa	31.Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneshwar	34.05636	70.91886
	32.Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneshwar	36.8625	
Punjab	33.Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	40.73965	40.73965
Rajasthan	34.Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur	35.47284	106.02869
	35.Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner	33.70566	
	36.Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur	36.85019	
Tamil Nadu	37.Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai	42.55555	82.40955
	38.Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	39.854	
Uttar Pradesh	39.Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur	34.58646	145.27238
	40.Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad	40.66092	
	41.Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly	31.275	
	42.Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi	38.75	
Uttaranchal	43.G.B. Pant University of Agriculture andTechnology, Pantnagar	39.58	39.58
West Bengal	44.Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Nadia	35.154	35.154
TOTAL		1666.8005	1666.8005

ANNEXURE-II

List of Agricultural Research Information Centres (ARIC)

1. Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi

2. Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi

3. National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy Research, Pusa, New Delhi

4. Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes, Hisar(Haryana)

5. National Research Centre for Equines, Hisar(Haryana)
6. National Institute of Research on Jute & Allied Fibre Technology, Kolkata(West Bengal)

7 Central Research Institute for Jute & Allied Fibres, Barrackpore, Kolkata(West Bengal)

8. Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, Kolkata(West Bengal)

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

(ATMA)s DISTRICTS IN 7 STATES ESTABLISHED UNDER ITD COMPONENT
OF NATP

Name of the State	First Phase District	Second Phase District	Third Phase District	Fourth Phase Districts
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Prakasham	Adilabad,	Chittor
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	Madhubani,	Munger	Rural Patna
Jharkhand	Dumka	Jamtada	Palamu	West Singbhum
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Hamirpur	Kangra,	Bilaspur
Maharashtra	Ahmednagar	Amravati	Aurangabad	Ratnagiri
Orissa	Khurda	Koraput	Ganjam	Sambhalpur
Punjab	Gurdaspur	Jalandhar	Sangroor	Faridkot

ANNEXURE-IV

AGMARKNET NODES COVERED DURING IX PLAN

Sl. No.	State	DMI	SAMB/DOM+	No. of Markets	Grand Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	1	54	57
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	1	0	1
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	5	6
4.	Assam	1	2	13	16
5.	Bihar	1	1	24	26
6.	Jharkhand	0	2	13	15

7 Chandigarh 0 1 1 2

8. Chattisgarh 0 2 26 28

9. Dadra Nagar Haveli 0 1 1 2
10. Daman & Diu 0 1 2 3
11. Delhi 1 2 5 8
12. Goa 1 1 6 8
13. Gujarat 1 2 54 57
14. Haryana 0 2 34 36
15. Himachal Pradesh 1 1 14 16
16. Jammu & Kashmir 1 1 24 26
17. Karnataka 1 2 50 53
18. Kerala 2 1 18 21
19. Lakshwadeep 0 1 0 1
20. Madhya Pradesh 1 1 46 48
21. Meghalaya 1 1 6 8
22. Maharashtra 2 2 64 68
23. Manipur 0 1 5 6
24. Mizoram 0 1 6 7
25. Nagaland 0 1 8 9
26. Orissa 1 2 27 30
27. Pondicherry 0 1 2 3
28. Punjab 1 3 47 51
29. Rajasthan 1 2 48 51
30. Sikkim 0 1 3 4
31. Tamil Nadu 1 1 28 30
32. Tripura 0 1 8 9
33. Uttranchal 0 1 15 16
34. Uttar Pradesh 1 1 48 50
35. West Bengal 1 2 30 33
36. Head Office,DMI,
Faridabad 5 0 0 5
TOTAL 27 48 735 810

- SAMB - State Agricultural Marketing Board
- DOM - Directorate of Marketing